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S E C R E T SANA 2667

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PEPR, US, YE
SUBJECT: PROPOSED DELEGATION TO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN

REF: STATE 131114

BEGIN SUMMARY: YAR INFORED OF TWINAM MISSION TO
ADEN, PROMISES REACTION. END SUMMARY.

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1. WITH YAR FORMIN ASNAJ CAUGHT LAST WEEK, LIKE
EVERYONE IN SANA, IN UNCERTAINTIES OF FORMATION OF NEW
GOVERNMENT, I DELAYED SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS
STATE 131114 RE TWINAM MRDSION TO ADEN. HOWEVER,
AFTER JUNE 3 RECEIPT STATE 140666, WITH NEWS OF FINDLEY
PRESS CONFERENCE, I GOT MESSAGE TO ASNAJ. HE SAID
THAT, BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST DAY OF NEW GOVERNMENT, I

SHOULD SEE POLSECTION HEAD IBRAHIM AL-KIBSI. DID SO
SAME DAY.

2. I READ PARA 2 STATE 131114 AND STRESSED TO KIBSI
THAT DELEGATION WAS DESCRIBED AS "WORKING LEVEL" AND
WOULD CARRY ON DISCUSSIONS ON "EXPLORATORY AND NON-
COMMITTAL BASIS." FROM HIS RECENT EXPERIENCE IN
WASHINGTON, KIBSI KNEW ABOUT BACKGROUND USG POLICY
OF TRYING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. I
STRESSED THAT, AS OF 3 JUNE, NEITHER ITINEARY NOR
AGENDA HAD BEEN SET.

3. KIBSI SAID HE WOULD GET REACTION FROM ASNAJ BUT
HAD TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST, WOULD TWINAM COME TO
SANA? I SAID I DIDN'T KNOW. SECOND, WOULD MISSION
LEAD TO RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS? SAID AGAIN I DIDN'T
KNOW BUT NOTED THAT TEXT OF NOTE SENT THROUGH
BRITISH TO PDRY SAID CLEARLY THAT REASON WAS TO DISCUSS
"PROBLEMS" I SAID WE WOULD SURELY DISCUSS SEIZURE
OF OUR BUILDING AND PDRY MIGHT RAISE OUR REFUSAL
TO SELL BOEINGS. NOTE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT MISSION
REPORT WOULD BE ONE OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS IN CONSIDERATION
OF POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED RELATIONS.

4. IN CLOSING I OFFERED REGRETS IF NEWS HAD REACHED
YAR THROUGH PRESS BEFORE EMBASSY ACTED. KIBSI SID
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HE HAD ALREADY HEARD OF MISSION BUT NOT RPT NOT FROM
PRESS AND VOLUNTEERED FURTHER THAT HE THOUGHT SAUDIS
(SPECIFICALLY FAHD) MAY HAVE PROMPTED MISSION. HE
DECLINED TO ELABORATE HOWEVER, AND BY TIME YAR
FREIGN OFFICE CLOSED ON 4 JUNE THERE WAS STILL NO
YEMENI REACTION.
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